

**In the Specification:**

Rewrite the first paragraph after DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT as follows:

Page 4, last paragraph bridging page 5:

--According to Fig. 1, in a coupling 1 for transmission of ultrasound energy, two contact means 4a, 4b directed opposing and spaced from each other are arranged along an independent axis A between a tool receptacle 2 and a tool 3, the contact means 4a, 4b are capable of being axially pre-stressed using a pre-stressing means 5 formed as an axially directed screw-thread tensioning means. The contact means 4a has a plurality of spaced axially directed pointform contact tips 6 spaced laterally apart formed on at least one of the contact means and the arrangement of the contact tips which urge fouling 7 laterally.--.